

**IN THE CLAIMS**

## Claims 1-8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A book rack and pencil tray combination comprising:
- (a) a wire mesh book rack having a bottom wall and a front opening;
  - (b) a pencil case having a first section with a bottom wall, ~~a pair of~~ <sup>opposed side</sup> walls, a front wall and a rear wall, and a portion being sized to retain one or more of a ruler or a protractor within the walls of the first section, and a second section with a bottom wall, a front wall and a rear wall, the bottom wall of the second section being disposed in a generally horizontal plane at an elevation lower than the bottom wall of the first section; and
  - (c) a pencil case attachment plate attached to the bottom walls of the first section and the second section such that a portion of the bottom wall of the book rack is sandwiched between the pencil case attachment plate and the bottom wall of the first section.
10. (original) The combination of claim 9 wherein the pencil case defines a pair of separate compartments, a lower compartment and an upper compartment, and wherein the lower compartment is disposed outside the front opening of the book rack.
11. (original) The combination of claim 10 wherein the bottom wall of the book rack is disposed in a generally horizontal first plane and the lower compartment of the pencil case is disposed in a second generally horizontal plane, the second plane being disposed at an elevation below the first plane.

12. (currently amended) A desk comprising:
- (a) a desk top having a top surface and a bottom surface;
  - (b) a support structure for supporting the desk top at an elevation above floor level;
  - (c) a wire mesh book rack having a bottom wall and a front opening;
  - (d) a pencil case having a first section with a bottom wall, ~~a pair of opposed side walls~~, a front wall and a rear wall, and a portion being sized to retain one or more of a ruler or a protractor within the walls of the first section, and a second section with a bottom wall, a front wall and a rear wall, the bottom wall of the second section being disposed in a generally horizontal plane at an elevation lower than the bottom wall of the first section; and
  - (e) a pencil case attachment plate attached to the bottom walls of the first section and the second section such that a portion of the bottom wall of the book rack is sandwiched between the pencil case attachment plate and the bottom wall of the first section.

13. (original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the pencil case defines a pair of separate compartments, a lower compartment and an upper compartment, and wherein the lower compartment is disposed outside the front opening of the book rack.

14. (original) The combination of claim 13 wherein the bottom wall of the book rack is disposed in a generally horizontal first plane and the lower compartment of the pencil case is disposed in a second generally horizontal plane, the second plane being disposed at an elevation below the first plane.

Claims 15-16 (canceled)